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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Africa

SUBJECT : Possible Subject for Political-Military Advisory Panel
Consideration

1. Further to your comments in the staff meeting, I recently met with [] to talk about the Political-Military Advisory Panel. [] suggested that I raise the following topic which I discussed with him as a possible subject in which the Political-Military Advisory Panel might be of some help.

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2. The emphasis, not only in Africa but elsewhere in the Third World over the next year or so, is clearly going to be on the economic basket cases and what can be done about countries in which there is imminent danger of collapse of the modern sector of the economy. The problem is to reorganize the economic aid to these countries from the US, the international organizations and the private sector. I have no illusions that this, particularly for Africa, will be easy, but there is substantial interest in it in State and Treasury at the moment. There is clearly a political angle to this as well because stability in most of these countries is seriously threatened. As I indicated in my earlier memorandum, we are putting together some short papers as building blocks or case studies of the situation in some African countries. [] was not certain whether the panel as presently constituted could be of help in looking at this question, but at his suggestion I pass it on to you for consideration.

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